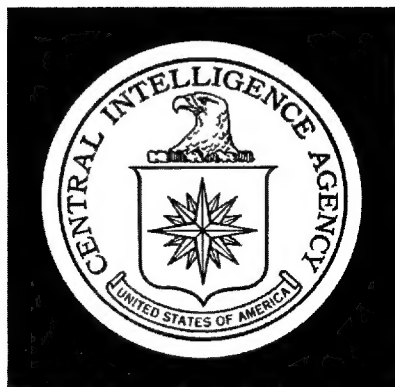


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### *The Situation in Vietnam*

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### HIGHLIGHTS

Evidence is continuing to accumulate indicating large-scale infiltration of North Vietnamese forces into areas of South Vietnam ranging from the Demilitarized Zone to the central highlands.

I. The Military Situation in South Vietnam:  
Allied troops have completed their operations in the southern half of the DMZ and are moving southward in an effort to trap enemy forces in northern Quang Tri Province (Paras. 1-3). Heavy fighting was reported in Lam Dong Province early on 24 May following an enemy battalion-size attack on a CIDG position (Paras. 4-6). Mounting infiltration into South Vietnam is reported (Paras. 7-13). The weekly review of South Vietnam battle statistics reveals record-setting American casualties for the week ending on 20 May (Paras. 14-16).

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IV. Other Communist Military Developments:  
There is nothing of significance to report.

V. Communist Political Developments: A Hungarian military delegation has just concluded a week-long visit to North Vietnam (Paras. 1-3).

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IV. OTHER COMMUNIST MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS

1. There is nothing of significance to report.

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V. COMMUNIST POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. A high-level Hungarian military delegation headed by Defense Minister Czinege visited North Vietnam between 15 and 23 May, according to Communist press reports. The North Vietnamese announced the visit only after it had been concluded, a custom instituted last year after US air strikes were initiated in the Hanoi-Haiphong area.

2. While in North Vietnam, the delegation met with a variety of leading DRV party and military leaders, including Defense Minister Giap and party First Secretary Le Duan. No information on the purpose of the visit was revealed in the routine pledges of support voiced by both sides and no communiqué has as yet been published. It is probable, however, that the provision of military assistance to the Vietnamese was discussed.

3. In addition to Defense Minister Czinege the delegation also included Brig. General Janos Kados, deputy chief of staff who has a background in rear services (logistics), Brig. General Imre Gabor, chief of operations who has an engineering background, and Brig. General Jozsef Lantodi, a ground forces specialist. The background of these three men would seem to qualify them to discuss a variety of military aid specialties, including, but not necessarily limited to, conventional artillery systems.

French Premier Receives DRV Representatives

4. In a continuing display of the growing warmth of Paris-Hanoi relations, French Premier Pompidou received the North Vietnamese representative in Paris for the first time on 23 May, granting him the full title of delegate general. The DRV representation in Paris had been raised from a trade mission to a "general delegation" in August 1966, but Mai Van Bo had been designated "Delegue General Par Interim." Prior to the audience on 23 May, he had been received only by lesser officials of the French Foreign Ministry.

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This official gesture on the part of the French Government formally grants the DRV diplomat the same full diplomatic status that Hanoi has recently accorded on an unofficial basis to Simon de Quirielle, the French representative in North Vietnam. De Quirielle, although technically still assigned on an ad interim basis, has been received by DRV Premier Pham Van Dong

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VI. OTHER MAJOR ASPECTS

1. Cambodia is continuing its efforts to limit smuggling activities across the South Vietnamese border. Cambodian border forces along the border with South Vietnam's Chau Doc Province have been instructed to block unauthorized traffic, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The once-effective bribes have reportedly become futile, or have skyrocketed.

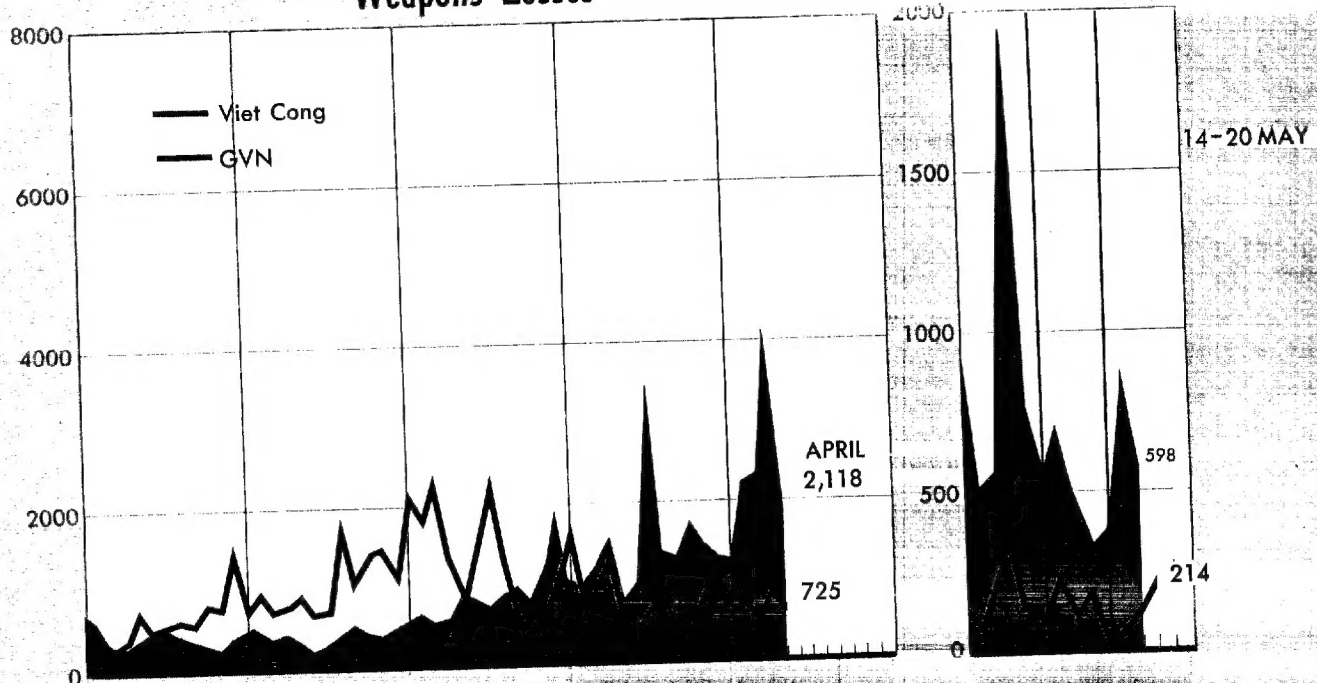
2. It is doubtful that smuggling activities, including those involving the Viet Cong, have been seriously curtailed inasmuch as the border remains open in the extensive unpatrolled areas. Phnom Penh's action in attempting to curtail this illegal traffic is, however, consistent with other evidence that Si-hanouk has become increasingly concerned with the deleterious effects on the Cambodian economy of smuggling activities.

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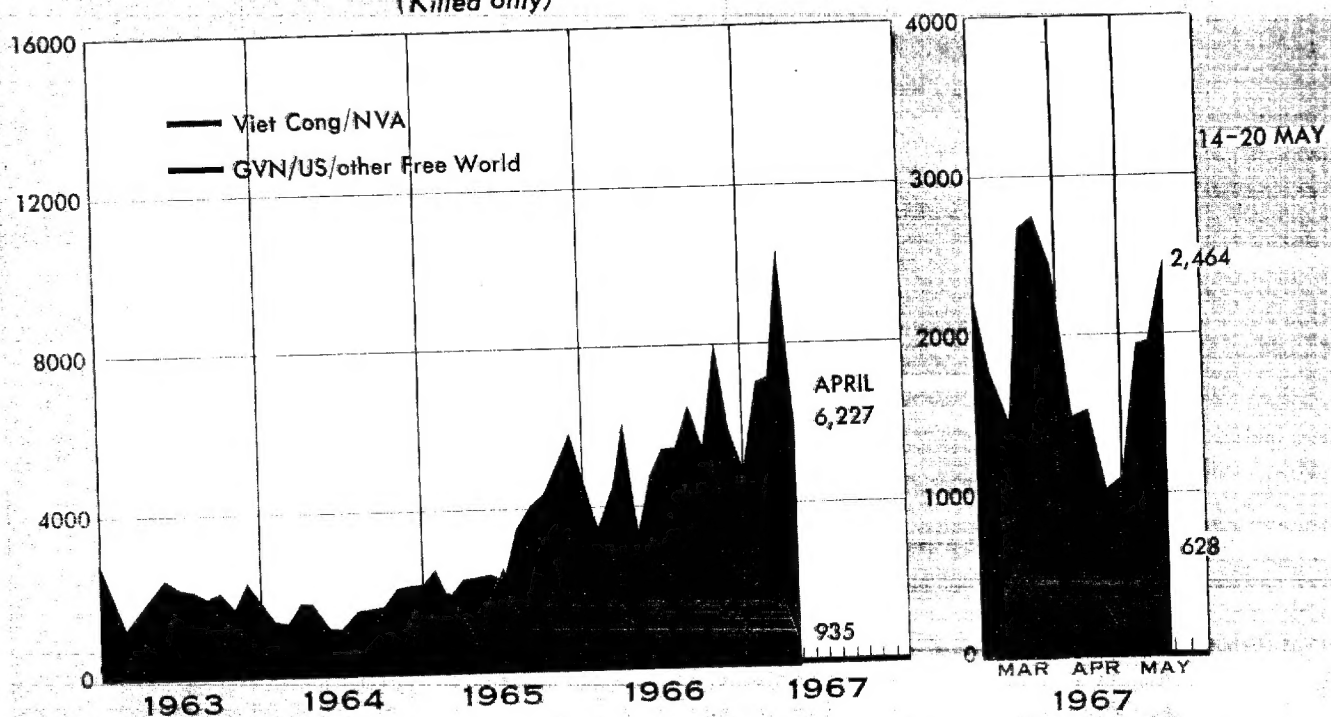
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## Weapons Losses



## Personnel Losses (Killed only)\*

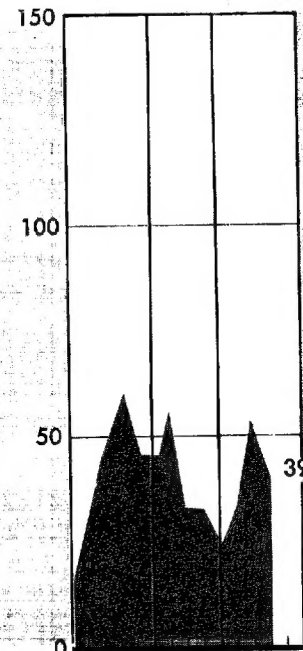
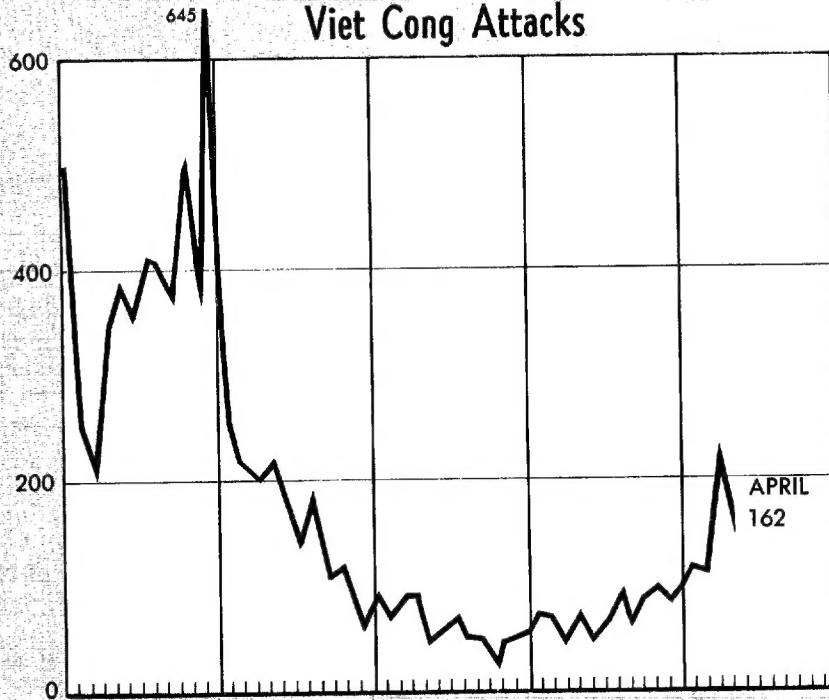


US Casualties to Date: Killed 10,253 Wounded 61,425 Captured 158 Missing 420

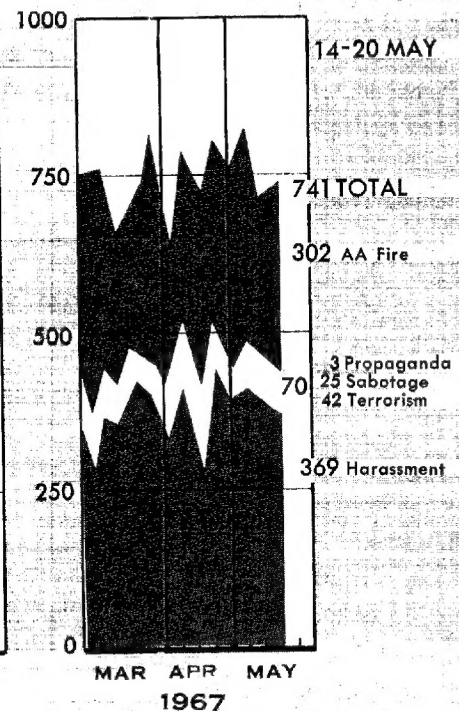
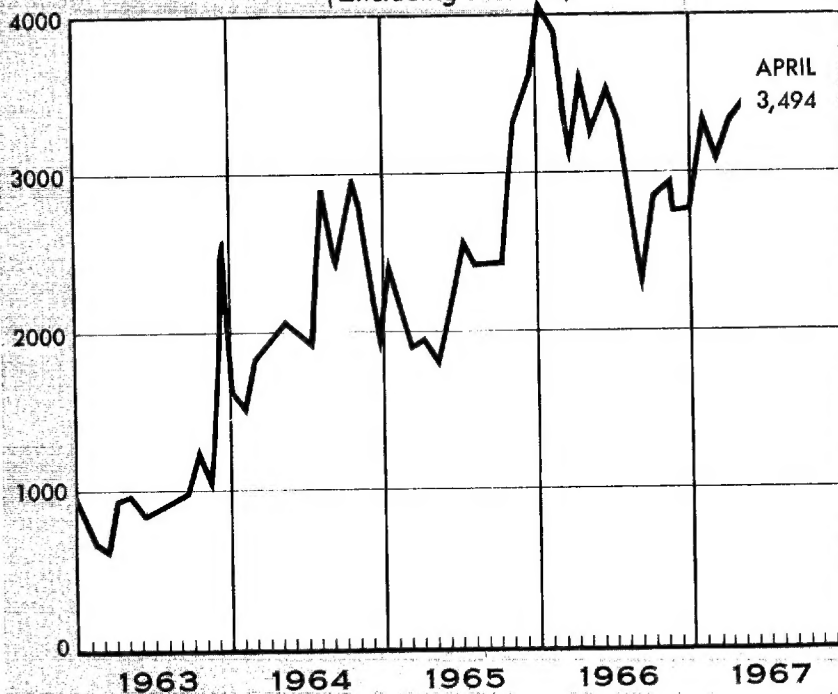
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# Viet Cong Attacks



# Viet Cong Incidents (Excluding Attacks)



South Vietnamese and Viet Cong Casualties and  
Weapons Losses: 1962 - 30 April 1967

1. General Statistical Data:

Time Period		Viet Cong Incidents	Killed in Action		Wounded in Action		Captured or Missing		Total Casualties		Weapons Losses	
			GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC
Jan	1962	1825	299	1294	475	212	116	390	890	1896	-	-
	1963	927	453	1754	908	318	102	379	1463	2451	457	683
	1964	1770	343	1223	913	-	555	240	1811	1463	917	532
	1965	2206	904	2203	1938	-	471	565	3313	2768	1700	711
	1966	3914	747	2648	1557	-	450	588	2754	3236	935	979
	1967	3369	887	6064	2036	-	166	-	3089	--	738	2360
Feb	1962	1460	244	1205	300	316	124	353	668	1874	-	-
	1963	788	379	1082	656	303	82	292	1117	1677	253	399
	1964	2078	374	1055	916	-	303	289	1593	1344	708	471
	1965	1982	880	1564	1840	-	1394	309	4114	1873	2454	620
	1966	3100	1015	4727	2095	-	477	508	3587	5235	1076	1219
	1967	3183	771	7341	2125	-	154	-	3050	--	532	2395
Mar	1962	1961	523	1456	737	551	140	523	1400	2530	-	-
	1963	1282	410	1443	851	368	66	222	1327	2033	467	367
	1964	2160	439	1456	1249	-	345	531	2033	1987	814	532
	1965	2056	751	2022	1633	-	720	394	3104	2416	1442	698
	1966	3670	938	5685	1961	-	466	604	3365	6289	1393	1632
	1967	3379	1718	10313	2786	-	468	-	4372	10313	984	4215
Apr	1962	1933	387	1596	532	292	151	415	1070	2303	-	-
	1963	1331	506	1660	878	256	96	388	1440	2304	797	468
	1964	2284	594	1671	1584	-	398	245	2576	1916	990	424
	1965	1860	591	1909	1650	-	232	529	2473	2438	757	973
	1966	3190	573	2818	1522	-	121	483	2216	3301	594	829
	1967	3494	935	6227	2490	-	134	-	3559	--	725	2118
May	1962	1825	390	1756	509	352	94	524	993	2632	-	-
	1963	1208	435	1895	889	295	94	695	1418	2885	463	564
	1964	2143	458	1135	987	-	202	242	1647	1377	723	281
	1965	2263	1049	1975	2143	-	873	548	4065	2523	1701	831
	1966	3566	661	4239	1454	-	196	652	2311	4891	493	1087
Jun	1962	1477	325	1666	613	413	77	441	1015	2520	-	-
	1963	1311	389	1863	772	310	90	437	1251	2609	580	394
	1964	2062	494	1005	1145	-	313	230	1952	1235	718	387
	1965	2597	1211	2208	1920	-	1260	189	4391	2397	2387	793
	1966	3359	860	4815	1800	-	183	752	2843	5567	735	3761
Jul	1962	1564	384	1544	686	424	212	542	1282	2510	-	-
	1963	1368	529	1918	1071	372	306	387	1906	2677	663	374
	1964	3045	900	1427	1812	-	510	219	3222	1646	1889	447
	1965	2520	1160	2980	1591	-	540	580	3425	3560	1375	882
	1966	2844	862	5532	1638	-	242	414	2742	5946	744	1483

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Time Period		Viet Cong Incidents	Killed in Action		Wounded in Action		Captured or Missing		Total Casualties		Weapons Losses	
			GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC
Aug	1962	1642	377	2271	626	367	63	669	1066	3307	-	-
	1963	1349	411	1685	804	237	352	482	1567	2404	637	428
	1964	2580	721	1449	1612	-	478	282	2811	1731	1106	619
	1965	2498	808	3624	1945	-	287	606	3040	4230	705	1074
	1966	2401	722	5857	1491	-	209	924	2422	6781	654	1298
Sep	1962	1375	419	2218	646	365	59	446	1124	3029	-	-
	1963	1763	672	1982	1155	234	566	347	2393	2563	878	389
	1964	3091	819	1187	1759	-	737	230	3315	1417	1465	525
	1965	2473	655	3485	1724	-	266	838	2645	4323	778	838
	1966	2864	566	4447	1554	-	185	839	2305	5286	426	1580
Oct	1962	1357	365	1967	619	286	64	373	1048	2626	-	-
	1963	1422	428	1520	989	244	398	236	1815	2000	753	330
	1964	2827	739	1617	1583	-	693	576	3015	2193	1510	482
	1965	3330	961	3874	2416	-	225	660	3602	4534	762	1013
	1966	2923	906	5665	2118	-	216	2438	3240	8103	851	1977
Nov	1962	1311	410	1982	834	368	92	561	1336	2911	-	-
	1963	3182	664	2333	1554	373	665	252	2883	2958	1595	455
	1964	1982	574	1747	1404	-	410	570	2388	2317	1104	515
	1965	3638	1034	5516	2056	-	520	592	3610	6108	1126	2164
	1966	2778	804	5227	1933	-	200	816	2937	6043	650	1423
Dec	1962	1346	294	2203	618	289	78	463	990	2955	-	-
	1963	1921	389	1440	961	191	320	190	1670	1821	724	546
	1964	2504	1002	1813	2053	-	1092	503	4147	2316	2111	666
	1965	4106	1239	4076	2262	-	926	516	4427	4592	1728	1158
	1966	2837	815	3864	1851	-	338	701	3004	4565	830	1338

## Composite Annual Totals

Time Period	VC Incidents	KIA		WIA		Captured or Missing		Total Casualties		Weapons Losses	
		GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC
1962	19076	4417	21158	7195	4235	1270	5700	12882	31093	5195	4049*
1963	17852	5665	20575	11488	3501	3137	4307	20290	28383	8267	5397
1964	28526	7457	16785	17017	-	6036	4157	30510	20942	14055	5881
1965	31529	11243	35436	23118	-	7848	6326	42209	41762	16915	11755
1966	37446	9469	55524	20974	-	3283	9719	33726	65243	9381	18606
**1967	13445	3711	28983	9437	-	922	--	14070	--	2979	10699

\*Monthly data unavailable for 1962 Weapons Losses.  
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## 2. Viet Cong Incidents: 1962 - 30 April 1967

Time Period	Viet Cong Incidents	A T T A C K S				Harassment & Terrorism	Sabotage	Propa- ganda	Anti- Aircraft	
		Small- Scale	Co. Size	Bn. Size or Larger	Total					
Jan	1962	1825	528	21	0	549	839	180	257	-
	1963	927	242	8	2	252	447	49	179	-
	1964	1770	218	2	3	223	1244	129	174	-
	1965	2206	57	5	1	63	1489	272	170	212
	1966	3914	42	23	5	70	2490	312	299	743
	1967	3369	141	-	1	142	1772	70	128	1257
Feb	1962	1460	480	20	0	500	613	137	210	-
	1963	788	181	13	1	195	433	69	91	-
	1964	2078	211	3	3	217	1389	210	271	-
	1965	1982	73	6	3	82	1411	267	91	131
	1966	3100	50	10	9	69	1829	201	172	829
	1967	3183	115	-	2	117	1499	39	76	1452
Mar	1962	1961	561	27	0	588	660	290	423	-
	1963	1282	333	11	0	344	653	131	154	-
	1964	2160	198	4	1	203	1632	158	167	-
	1965	2056	80	3	3	86	1476	240	90	164
	1966	3670	32	10	10	52	2332	212	154	920
	1967	3379	212	-	7	219	1844	50	45	1221
Apr	1962	1933	470	27	0	497	1024	220	192	-
	1963	1331	371	9	3	383	688	105	155	-
	1964	2284	211	6	3	220	1738	169	157	-
	1965	1860	38	1	4	43	1407	149	96	165
	1966	3190	61	7	9	77	2238	252	110	513
	1967	3494	155	-	7	162	1992	67	109	1164
May	1962	1825	490	28	0	528	892	154	251	-
	1963	1208	344	13	0	357	608	93	150	-
	1964	2143	170	3	2	175	418	217	140	193
	1965	2263	40	7	11	58	1558	365	115	170
	1966	3566	37	9	7	53	2552	295	106	560
Jun	1962	1477	339	23	0	362	736	157	222	-
	1963	1311	398	11	1	410	652	107	142	-
	1964	2062	128	10	2	140	1390	176	162	194
	1965	2597	62	1	6	69	1784	469	103	172
	1966	3359	47	10	11	68	2382	211	110	588
Jul	1962	1564	437	10	1	448	735	158	223	-
	1963	1368	398	8	1	407	698	80	183	-
	1964	3045	166	12	7	185	2132	286	224	218
	1965	2520	42	0	6	48	1706	400	154	212
	1966	2844	91	0	0	91	1906	200	86	561

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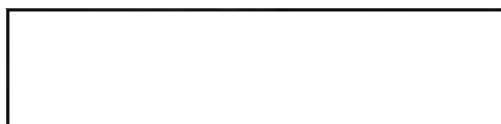
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		Small- Scale	Co. Size	Bn. Size and Larger	Total					
Aug	1962	1642	368	10	0	378	885	146	233	-
	1963	1349	356	11	1	368	647	113	221	-
	1964	2580	107	3	3	113	1775	315	173	204
	1965	2498	38	9	5	52	1597	349	200	300
	1966	2401	51	8	5	64	1752	113	87	385
Sep	1962	1375	382	9	0	391	624	178	182	-
	1963	1763	483	17	3	503	889	164	207	-
	1964	3091	110	4	4	118	1938	482	178	375
	1965	2473	19	7	5	31	1530	278	185	449
	1966	2864	78	6	2	86	1972	90	115	601
Oct	1962	1357	406	12	1	419	583	189	166	-
	1963	1422	359	6	0	365	802	105	150	-
	1964	2827	75	2	6	83	1790	480	197	277
	1965	3330	24	8	12	44	1969	415	198	704
	1966	2923	107	12	2	121	1749	103	81	869
Nov	1962	1311	411	7	3	421	614	144	132	-
	1963	3182	631	11	3	645	1990	269	278	-
	1964	1982	57	2	1	60	1391	247	109	175
	1965	3638	26	16	10	52	2234	486	255	611
	1966	2778	80	4	2	86	1701	125	72	794
Dec	1962	1346	375	8	1	384	670	107	185	-
	1963	1921	258	3	0	261	1298	111	251	-
	1964	2504	81	9	6	96	1719	318	128	243
	1965	4106	32	18	7	57	2572	442	317	718
	1966	2837	84	13	4	101	1761	98	112	765

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1963	17852	4354	121	15	4490	9805	1396	2161	No Data
1964	28526	1732	60	41	1833	19556	3178	2080	1879
1965	31529	531	81	73	685	20730	4132	1974	4008
1966	37446	760	112	66	938	24664	2212	1504	8128
*1967	14425	623	-	17	640	7107	226	358	5094

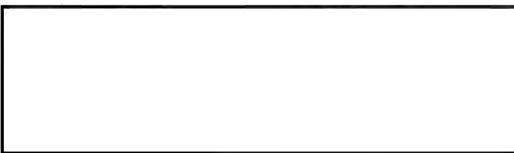
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South Vietnam Battle Statistics  
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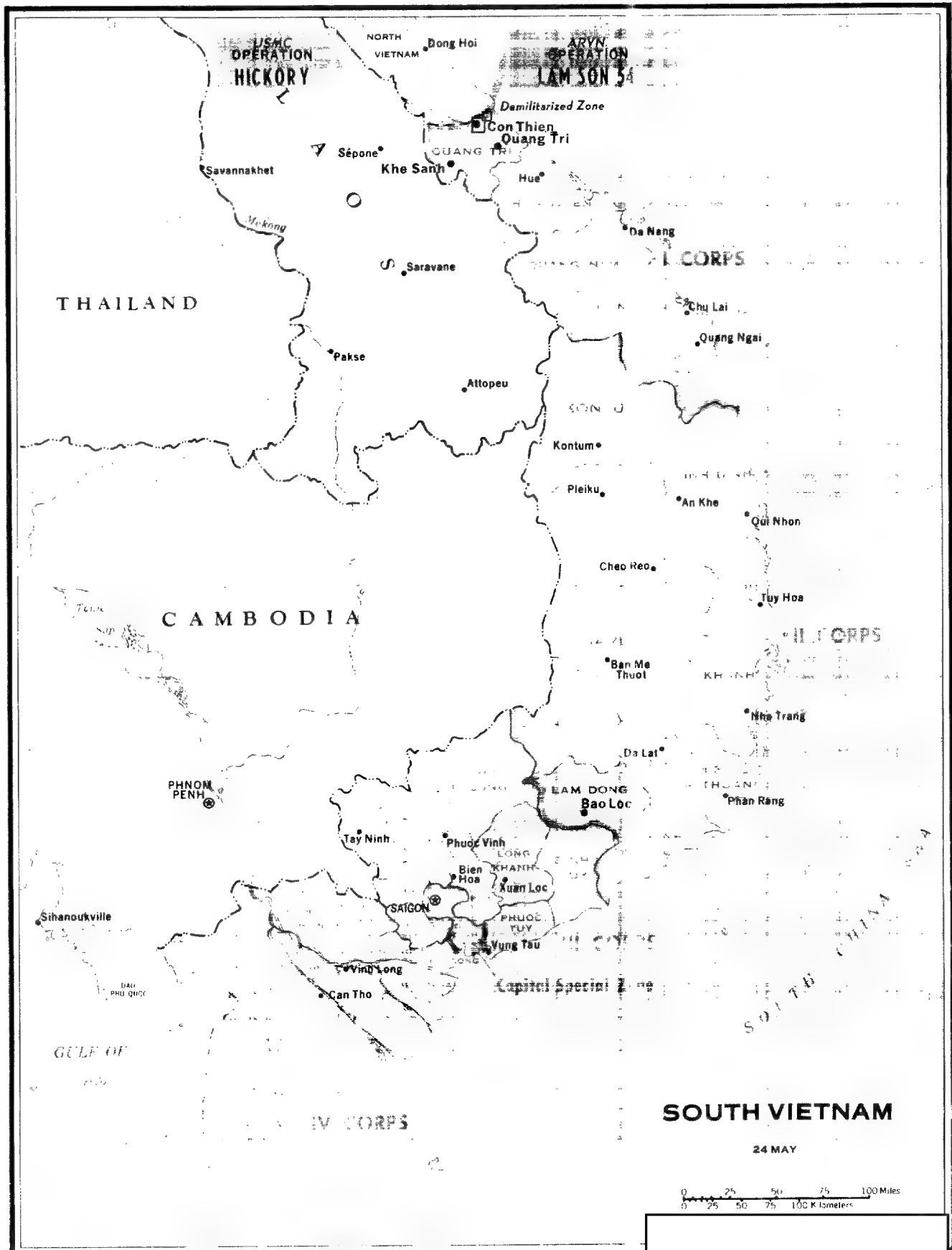
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I. THE MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM

Quang Tri Province/DMZ Activity

1. US Marines and South Vietnamese Army (ARVN) forces have completed their sweeps through the southeastern portions of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and are now moving southward within Quang Tri Province.

2. MACV estimates that most of the enemy forces that had been in the southeastern DMZ have now withdrawn across the Ben Hai River to North Vietnamese territory. No enemy contact has been reported since operations resumed at midnight on the 23rd (local time), following the Buddha's birthday cease-fire. However, one to three enemy battalions are thought to be in the operational area below the DMZ. In addition to these units, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has located the command post of the "29th Regiment"--believed to be the same as the NVA 18C Regiment--of the NVA 325 Division, in an area southwest of Con Thien. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] indicating that this regiment took part in the heavy fighting at Con Thien on 16-17 May and that more fighting can be expected in this area.

3. Communist resistance to the allied sweep operations in the DMZ varied from moderate to heavy, with Marine Operation HICKORY and ARVN Operation LAM SON 54 reporting the heaviest contacts. As of 23 May, confirmed enemy losses stood at 641 killed as against allied casualties of 123 killed (99 US) and 717 wounded (602 US).

Communist Battalion-size Attack in Lam Dong Province

4. Heavy fighting was reported in Lam Dong Province early on 24 May following an attack by an estimated battalion-size Communist force on a South Vietnamese CIDG company position approximately eight miles southeast of Bao Loc. Two South Vietnamese

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Ranger battalions--supported by intensive allied air and artillery--are presently sweeping the area in search of the attacking enemy force, which withdrew after more than three hours of heavy contact. Initial casualty reports show friendly losses of 15 killed and 29 wounded; six enemy bodies have been counted thus far.

5. This activity may presage an upsurge of Communist military operations in this area by as yet unidentified enemy forces. It is possible that these forces are part of a newly introduced Communist unit, or they may be subordinate elements of the Viet Cong 5th Light Infantry Division. This division traditionally operates in the Phuoc Tuy - Long Khanh province area to the south, but some elements may have recently deployed northward to mount operations against specific allied military targets in Lam Dong Province.

6. There have been recent reports of a continuing Communist military build-up in this area, particularly to the south of the province capital of Bao Loc. These reports, together with other indications such as improved weapons and increased Viet Cong propaganda, suggest that an intensification of the Communist effort is under way in the province where over-all security continues to deteriorate.

#### Mounting Infiltration Into South Vietnam

7. Evidence of large-scale infiltration by regular North Vietnamese Army infantry units into areas of South Vietnam ranging from the DMZ to the central highlands is continuing to accumulate.

The current activity is reminiscent of the heavy infiltration during the first six months of 1966.

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Weekly Review of South Vietnam Battle Statistics

14. American casualties for the week ending on 20 May set a new weekly record in both the killed and wounded categories. The total number of Americans killed during the week--337--exceeded the previous high weekly figure by 63. The number of wounded in the past week also rose, climbing above the 2,000 mark for the first time with a total of 2,282 reported. The total number of Americans killed in Vietnam since 1961 passed the 10,000 mark last week and presently stands at 10,253. The number of Americans wounded since 1961 now totals 61,425.

15. The weekly high in American casualties may be attributed at least in part to the intensified Communist activities in the northern provinces and the increased enemy aggressiveness in the western highlands.

16. The week of 14-20 May compared with the week of 7-13 May:

I. Viet Cong Incidents

	<u>7-13 May</u>	<u>14-20 May</u>
Attacks	57	39
Battalion or larger.....	1	0
Small Unit.....	56	39
Harassment	379	369
Terrorism	59	42
Sabotage	15	25
Propaganda	10	3
Antiaircraft	<u>205</u>	<u>302</u>
 TOTAL INCIDENTS	 725	 780

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II. Casualties

	<u>VC/NVA</u>		<u>GVN</u>	
	<u>7-13 May</u>	<u>14-20 May</u>	<u>7-13 May</u>	<u>14-20 May</u>
Killed	1,942	2,464	257	241
Wounded	-----	-----	547	705
Missing/ Captured	-----	-----	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>
TOTALS	1,942	2,464	823	964

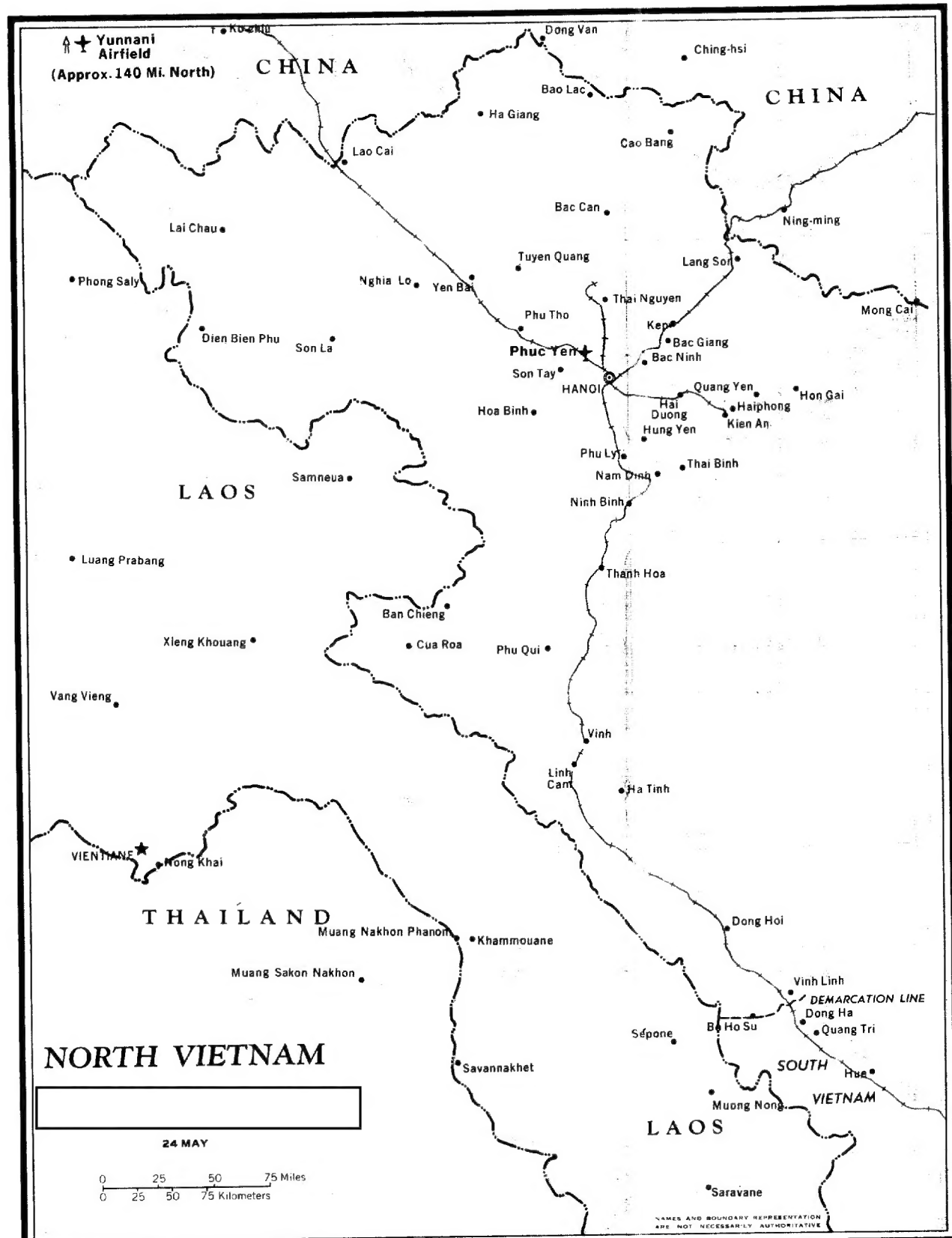
	<u>US</u>		<u>FREE WORLD</u>	
	<u>7-13 May</u>	<u>14-20 May</u>	<u>7-13 May</u>	<u>14-20 May</u>
Killed	235	337	9	50
Wounded	1,319	2,282	37	72
Missing/ Captured	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTALS	1,554	2,619	46	122

III. Weapons Captured

	<u>VC/NVA</u>		<u>GVN</u>	
	<u>7-13 May</u>	<u>14-20 May</u>	<u>7-13 May</u>	<u>14-20 May</u>
Individual	562	Not	143	210
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